interest, if defined as the interest of the community as a whole, is not directly involved. However, as the Fourth Circuit stated in <u>Blackwelder</u>, all other things being equal, the public has an interest in "preserving the <u>status quo</u> ante <u>litem</u> until the merits of a serious controversy can be fully considered by a trial court." <u>Blackwelder</u> at 197. Therefore unless the Defendant can establish that there is some interest of the public which will be directly vindicated by this Court's denial of the requested interlocutory injunction, the public interest test of the <u>TJB</u>, <u>Inc</u>. case is in favor of the Plaintiff in that the public has an interest in preserving the status quo and thereby decreasing the possibility for conflict pending the resolution of the merits in this case.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein, the Plaintiff respectfully submits that she has plead a case which sets forth the facts that merit the Court's granting a preliminary injunction which will merely preserve the status quo of the Plaintiff and the subject property, and the surrounding properties, as they have stood for the last 60 years. Plaintiff therefore requests that this Court grant an interlocutory injunction as requested in the attached Motion.

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